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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/775,885	Applicant(s) SEIDITA, THOMAS M.	
	Examiner LIEN TM NGO	Art Unit 3754	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/3/07 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claim 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

In claims 1, 11 and 21-23, "at least one pleat is folded perpendicular to the lower rim" is not supported in the original disclosure.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1, 2, 3, 7-13 and 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bosl et al. (2005/0000931). Bosl et al. teaches, in fig. 4, 5 and page 2, paragraph [0031], a tamper evident closure comprising a J-hook retention member or flaps 60 including a plurality of pleated retaining elements (the flaps could be processed to introduce fold lines, pleats or the like, see paragraph [0031]), which are arranged to engage rotational locking structure 24 of a container.

6. Claims 1-11 and 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takano (6,109,464)). Tokano teaches, in figs. 1, 2 and 7, a tamper evident closure comprising a J-hook retention member 5 including a plurality of pleated retaining elements, which are arranged to engage locking structure 13 of a container. The retaining element defines a leading edge and a trailing edge (see fig. 10).

7. Claims 1-3, 7-11 and 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barriac (4,801,031). Barriac teaches, in figs. 5, 8, 10 and 11, a tamper

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evident closure comprising a J-hook retention member 30 including a plurality of pleated retaining elements 33 which are arranged to engage locking structure 37 of a container.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 12-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takano in view of Ochs (4,813,561) or German et al. (6,276,543).

Takano does not disclose a container comprising rotational locking structure.

Ochs or German et al. teach, a container comprising rotational locking structure 23 and 63, respectively, to preclude rotation of a tamper evident band.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Takano invention with the container including rotational locking structure, as taught by Ochs or German et al., in order to easily separate of the closure portion from the tamper evident band due to the rotational locking structure.

10. Claims 12, 13 and 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barriac in view of Ochs (4,813,561) or German et al. (6,276,543).

Barriac does not disclose a container comprising rotational locking structure.

Ochs or German et al. teach, a container comprising rotational locking structure 23 and 63, respectively, to preclude rotation of a tamper evident band.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Barriac invention with the container including rotational locking structure, as taught by Ochs or German et al., in order to easily separate of the closure portion from the tamper evident band due to the rotational locking structure.

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIEN TM NGO whose telephone number is 571-272-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM -6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KEVIN SHAVER can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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LIEN TM NGO
Primary Examiner
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October 25, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lien TM Ngo', is written over the printed name and title.